



1940 Round 7 Saturday 1st June Pratten Park



St George 15

Jack WEDGWOOD
 Charlie HAZELTON
 Jack LINDWALL
 Gordon HART
 Col MAXWELL
 Ron FREDERICKSON
 Alby McANDREW
 Reg HOPKINSON
 Neville SMITH (c)
 Len KELLY
 Jim SCHUBACK
 Herb GILBERT
 Alan BOLER

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Bill KEATO
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Cal LYNCH
 Henry MARTIN
 Jack TISDALE
 Albert McGUINNESS
 George LUCAS
 Max GRAY (c)
 Fred McKEAN
 Jack SCHUBACK
 Edward MEWTON
 Jack PIPER



Tries Jack LINDWALL (2)
 Charlie HAZELTON

George LUCAS
 Jack PIPER

Goals Neville SMITH (3)

Cal LYNCH (1)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: J Wedgwood; three-quarters: C Hazelton, J Lindwall, G Hart, C Maxwell; halves: F Frederickson, A McAndrew; forwards: R Hopkinson, N Smith (capt), L Kelly, J Schuback, H Gilbert, A Boler

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, J Whitehurst, C Lynch, H Martin; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuinness; forwards: G Lucas, M Gray, F McKean, J Schuback, E Mewton, J Piper **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 15th June 1940)**

Western Suburbs playing splendidly all round, held St George to five all at half-time at Pratten Park and when the second half was well advanced St George was ahead by only 10 to 8. St George finished best, McAndrew the half-back making an opening which led to the final try. McAndrew gave a blight display but he did not over-shadow Wests' halfback McGuinness who played particularly well. Whitehurst gave a promising display in the centre for Wests and the forwards fought hard all the way. St George's backs erred at times in the second half when tries might have been scored. Once Hazelton, after a good run, went too far with the ball and on another occasion Lindwall got off-side. The forwards played well and none did better than L Kelly. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 3rd June 1940)**

In holding the Dragon Slayers to even-pegging 5-all at half-time yesterday at Pratten Park, Wests showed they were flat out to emulate Norths doings of the previous Saturday. Unfortunately for the Magpies, their backs, who were being fed with a preponderance of the pill by 'Podgy' McGuinness, were too slow off the mark. Their passes were not snappy enough, consequently Saints were continually breaking up movements that otherwise should have borne fruit. Saints won 15-8. Billy Keato must have left his 'good foot' at home. Three attempts brought three misses; Billy certainly let the 'Fruit Pickers' down. Saints usual showing of skill and precision was sadly lacking and their successes were merely spasmodic. Only for the few lapses on the Magpies' part, it certainly would have meant curtains for them. Both teams must feel mighty proud of their halves. The two Macs functioned with machine-like smoothness, and their planning of constructive movements amazed the multitude of spectators, who were not slow in showing their approval of such brilliant League. Charlie Hazelton scored a sterling try for Saints. Gathering the pigskin just past the half-way, Charlie swept downfield and with coolness and precision personified evaded the opposition brilliantly. Jack Whitehurst marked most impressively. It was Jack's second appearance for Wests Firsts, and with a little more coaching, he should make a magnificent centre. His clapping on of speed as he received the pill and slicing sharply' through openings, certainly showed individual effort and initiative. S...Bruce Brown played a very ragged game on the wing for the Magpies. On several occasions when he gathered the pill, his over-eagerness and speculative movements failed to capitalise his chances. **(Truth 2nd June 1940)**

St. George can thank Jack Wedgwood, their full-back for their victory 15-8 over Western Suburbs at Pratten Park. He played one of the finest games imaginable. His handling, long kicking, and running were a revelation. Apart from Wedgwood, Lindwall played a superb game. His positional play was faultless. Hazelton made many, long runs, but threw a try away when, with the defence beaten, he failed to pass to Lindwall. Kelly was the best of the St, George pack. He was never off the ball. McGuinness overshadowed McAndrew, and was the spearhead of Wests', scoring movements. The attendance was 6500, and the gate receipts were the best since Wests and Easts played at Pratten Park in 1936. **(The Daily Telegraph 2nd June 1940)**

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Notes: Wests played very well in the first half but weren't able to sustain the effort in the second half. Mewton won the scrums and this allowed Jack Whitehurst to have a good game, although an error from him was a turning point. McGuinness was again in rare form but Billy Keato had another kicking off-day.